

## Base Briefs

### WING OFFERS SHADOW PROGRAM

The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Shadow Program offers Team Vandenberg company grade officers the opportunity to shadow senior officers, colonel and above, throughout the course of a duty day. Interested officers should contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Henry Heren at 606-3388.

### AAFES EXTENDS BUSINESS HOURS

Vandenberg's Shopette, Service Station and Anthony's Pizza in the BX mall extended their hours of operation July 27. This is a 30-day test to determine the needs of the customers. The following hours of operation are in effect: *Shoppette* — Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. *Gas Station* — Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Anthony's Pizza* — Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### POST-DEPLOYMENT PARTY SET

The chapel staff is holding a Post Deployment party Aug. 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. For more information, call the chapel staff at 606-5773.

### BEACH HOTLINE OFFERS UPDATES

The Minuteman Beach violation total is at three and there are 20 at Surf Beach. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 40 violations. The maximum at Minuteman is five. If the limit is reached, the respective beach will close until Sept. 30, the end of the Western Snowy Plover nesting season. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours for Wall, Minuteman and Surf beaches are Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

### DISTRICT ISSUES BUS PASSES

In preparation for the 2002 – 2003 school year, parents must register their children for bus passes prior to the first day of school. Registration is going on through Aug. 21 between 8 a.m. and noon in the 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron, Bldg. 10728, Room 115. Parents whose children require bus transportation for other district schools need to contact the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371. For information, call 606-5255.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

(Above right) Retired Senior Master Sgt. Lee Wise, of the Vandenberg American Legion, Post 125, pays his respect to the U.S. flag during the prisoner of war and missing in action ceremony held Sunday at the POW/MIA Memorial here. (Above) Chief Master Sgt. Norman Marous, Counter Drug Liaison Officer at Camp San Luis Obispo, emceed the ceremony. About 100 people attended the event held by the California Air Force Association.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

## Convention wraps up, 81 reap awards

BY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. TREY STAPLES

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs transition student

■ The former 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander and two Team Vandenberg members were honored during the California Air Force Association convention Saturday at the Pacific Coast Club.

More than 450 people applauded as Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, Air Force Space Command vice commander and guest speaker for the awards banquet, presented Lt. Gen. William Looney II with the associations top award naming him as the

CAFA U.S. Air Force Person of the Year. Looney recently left Vandenberg for his current posting as the Electronic Systems Center commander at Hanscom AFB, Mass.

Hinson, also a former 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander, presented Senior Airman Desmond Savage with the CAFA Airman of the Year award. Savage works in intelligence applications with the 614<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron.

Master Sgt. Shawn Dahl took home the CAFA title as Senior NCO of the Year. Dahl is the 614<sup>th</sup>

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## Third time's a charm 2<sup>nd</sup> SLS readies for next Titan II launch

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs.

■ The countdown continues for one of the final two Titan II space launch boosters in the Air Force inventory.

Team Vandenberg began preparation to launch a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellite following a successful launch June 24 of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather satellite.

"We're doing checkouts on the environmental enclosures to make sure the air conditioning systems are at 100 percent," said Capt. Dan Wetmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron Titan Operations Flight. Wetmore explained that these levels of the mobile service tower will house the satellite once it's mated to the booster.

The squadron recently finished filling the fuel and oxygen storage tanks on SLC-4West with the propellants that'll eventually go into G-9. Other pre-launch maintenance activities included the replacement of limited life components and testing to ensure the pad is ready.

The first stage booster, named

G-9, was stacked June 30 on Space Launch Complex-4 West. The booster is scheduled to carry the DMSP satellite into low-earth orbit in October. The satellites are used by all branches of the military for world-wide operations.

Next month workers will mate, the satellite to the booster. In the meantime, pad preparations move forward.

Wetmore said this launch has had an interesting road to the anticipated launch date.

Both the booster and payload have been awaiting launch since technical issues delayed previous attempts in January 2001.

At that time, both were stacked on the pad and ready for launch. At T-minus three minutes, the operation was scrubbed for 24 hours after identifying a ground support equipment malfunction.

The next day, at T-30 seconds in the countdown, it was postponed once more after being unable to confirm if an oxidizer pre-valve sensor had opened.

After resolving these issues, the launch team discovered a leaky thruster on board the satellite, caus-

ing further delays and eventually requiring crews to remove the spacecraft from the Titan Feb. 5 to resolve the issue.

All four spacecraft thrusters were eventually replaced, but not before crews accomplished the unprecedented task of defueling and dewatering the Titan without incident, making the pad available for the next mission.

When placed into orbit, the 4,400-pound, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space-built DMSP satellite will fly in a polar orbit about 458 nautical miles above earth, collecting weather data for U.S. military operations. The DOD has operated DMSP for almost four decades. Military weather forecasters use the data to monitor and predict regional and global weather patterns, including the presence of severe thunderstorms, hurricanes, and typhoons.

The last Titan II is scheduled to launch two Department of Defense satellites into orbit January 2003. Vandenberg's mission is unique in that it's the only location where the venerable boosters are launched.



AIR FORCE GRAPHIC

The last airmen on Stop-Loss will be released Oct. 1.

## Air Force releases all specialties from Stop-Loss

BY MASTER SGT. RON TULL

Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON — The last officer and enlisted specialties on Stop-Loss will be released beginning Sept. 1.

In making the announcement, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche said the release will be phased in during a one-month period to allow both the Air Force and affected personnel time for transition.

"We have arrived at a new steady-state," Roche said. "Stop-Loss most certainly helped us get here successfully, but we had pledged all along that we wouldn't hold onto anyone longer than necessary."

The release, which affects three officer and 15 enlisted specialties, begins with people who had original retirement or separation dates prior to April 1.

They can leave beginning Sept. 1. During the second phase, individuals with retirement or separation dates between April 1 and Sept. 30 can be released. In the final phase, anyone with a retirement or separation date of Oct. 1 or later can separate at his or her established date.

Members can request to remain on active duty up to five months to transition to civilian life and use

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## Sept. 11 special feature

■ Team Vandenberg, here's your chance to tell your story.

For the Sept. 6 issue of the *Space & Missile Times* we would like to feature your thoughts. We're looking for a short story of 75 to 100 words, describing where you were when 9/11 happened, what you were doing, what were your first thoughts, and now, a year later, how it has impacted your life.

Send your inputs to the [space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil) by Aug. 26.

The chapel will also hold a Sept. 11 memorial service in Chapel 1 at 1 p.m.



## National night out



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

Master Sgt. Wayne Harger (left) and Capt. Paul Quigley both from the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, paint children's faces in camouflage during the 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out Tuesday behind the Youth Center. Vandenberg AFB joined thousands of communities nationwide to help heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

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Team Elite. Vandenberg Honor Guard looking for a few good airmen. See Page 3.



Intramural softball season begins playoffs Aug. 19. How's your unit team doing? See Page 4.

Weekend forecast  
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.



Low/High  
55/65

For a full VAFB weather report visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather\\_index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html)



# Safety: An attitude — Get one or die

GEN. LANCE LORD  
*Air Force Space Command commander*

There are certain times in our life wherein we can make a positive difference and impact our immediate environment.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, many have done so; many have accepted the responsibility to make the world around them better – safer. You are doing so everyday by your unswerving commitment to the Air Force and, in particular, Air Force Space Command. However, when any of us fails to accept the responsibility for our own actions, we defeat that measure of making the world a better and safer place.

This year, the Air Force has lost 73 airmen to mishaps, 66 of them off-duty. The world is not



Gen. Lance Lord  
Commander,  
Air Force Space Command

better for this loss; in fact, it is a much sadder place in which to live. Perhaps just as tragic is the knowledge that all of these mishap fatalities could have been

prevented. The lessons learned from these deaths are the same lessons we have learned before and are all too familiar. Simple lessons such as do not drink alcohol and drive and wear your seatbelts. The question we must ask is how can anyone make a positive difference when they do not follow the basic rules for self-preservation? All of us should apply risk assessment in both our work environment and off-duty. We must assess if the risk we are going to take (i.e., drinking alcohol and then driving) is worth the cost. We should take care of our friends, our “wingmen,” and they should return the favor. We must develop good safety attitudes in everything we do. Safety is an attitude – get one!

## Leadership, attitude, teamwork

By LT. COL. BRIAN JURKOVAC  
*43rd Airlift Wing chief of safety*

Too often, people depend on unit leadership to define how “good” things are. In reality, they are the ones who make their organization a better place to work.

Everyone has a stake in the effectiveness, health and welfare of his or her organization, base and community.

When I ask others about their best assignments or most rewarding experiences, their answers are surprising.

They list assignments to austere places supporting difficult missions, deployments and contingencies. They don’t always list the garden spots typically found on our dream-sheets.

This is because people make the assignment what it is. It is not the hardware, the building or the location. You determine how good or bad your assignment was, is or will be.

Here are my top 10 ways of making the best of one’s present situation.

**Understand your mission:** Could you describe your unit’s mission to a visitor or new servicemember? Could you articulate how your specialty fits in? If not, ask an “old head” who has been around a while. You may just find out how rich a heritage your unit has and its historic significance on the preservation of freedom and democracy around the world.

**Have loyalty in your unit:** Learn to trust the decisions and actions of your leadership. Resist the temptation to “bad-mouth” when things don’t go exactly as planned. Be part of the solution to unit challenges. Being loyal means helping others when they need you and taking action when you see an opportunity for improvement.

**Maintain standards:** Check yourself every day, starting with your uniform, your performance and, most of all, your attitude. You know what the standards are. Live up to them. Your unit will reflect the standards you set. Job competency is too often the toughest standard.

**Keep learning:** Check your “know-it-all” attitude

at the door. Try to learn something new about your unit’s mission, people or equipment every day. Never let your rank, job title or experience get in the way of learning. Above all, learn how to do things the safest way, the right way. As you learn, the whole unit becomes smarter, more diverse and more capable.

**Mentor:** The best way to have great folks in your unit is by teaching them the ropes and sharing your experiences. Spend time with your troops; show them, tell them and teach them the pitfalls of disaster and the ingredients for success.

**Listen:** Listening is an essential communication skill. Your troops will bring you their problems, but they can also bring you outstanding ideas if they know you will listen.

**Participate:** Participating in unit activities, both on and off duty, go into making the team a cohesive combat-ready element. Hone your leadership skills by spearheading a unit project.

**Be considerate:** One very basic social skill I learned as a child was “it was nice to be important, but it was more important to be nice.” Be considerate of others. That doesn’t mean you can’t tell it like it is, but you can do so nicely. Displaying even the simplest courtesies, like being on time, prepared and using the words “please” and “thank you” go a long way.

**Have integrity:** There is no contribution more significant to the health and success of your unit than integrity.

**Show pride:** You can be proud and enthusiastic about your unit without being boastful or arrogant. Pride is in the way you do your job; the way you never quit; the way you care about your performance and your unit’s achievements. Pride means you deliver on your promises and can be counted on when the going gets tough and the hours are long. Pride never says, “it’s good enough for government work.”

It is not the equipment or the weapons that make us great! It is you and the way you come to work every day. *(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)*



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Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander,  
30th Space Wing

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander’s Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander’s Action Line is a great way to communicate, don’t forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

### Important Phone Numbers

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Command Post .....	606-9961
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Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
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Law Enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing Maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
Youth Center .....	606-2152
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Fitness Center .....	606-3832
Health and Wellness Center.....	606-2221
Pacific Coast Club .....	734-4375
Air Force Aid Society .....	605-8551
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# Base announces second quarter award winners

■ Team Vandenberg announced the 2002 second quarter award winners during the quarterly awards luncheon in the Pacific Coast Club July 26.

More than 300 people attended the event to honor the hard work and dedication of Team Vandenberg's elite.

The winners are:

## **AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER**

Associate Unit:

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alicia Salas**

*381<sup>st</sup> Training Group*

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing and Team Vandenberg:

**Senior Airman Daniel Gatz**

*30<sup>th</sup> Support Group*

## **NCO OF THE QUARTER**

Associate Unit and Team

**Vandenberg:**

**Staff Sgt. Julie Kaechle**

*Det. 9, Space & Missile Center*

30<sup>th</sup> SW:

**Tech. Sgt. Philip Nixon**

*30<sup>th</sup> SPTG*

## **SENIOR NCO OF THE QUARTER**

Associate Unit and Team Vandenberg:

**Master Sgt. Edward Speller**

*595<sup>th</sup> Test and Evaluation Group*

30<sup>th</sup> SW:

**Master Sgt. Robert Hargreaves Jr.**

*30<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group*

## **COMPANY GRADE OFFICER**

## **OF THE QUARTER**

Associate Unit and Team Vandenberg:

**Capt. Chadwick Igl**

*381<sup>st</sup> TRG*

30<sup>th</sup> SW:

**Capt. Amy Austgen**

*30<sup>th</sup> SW*

## **BASE HONOR GUARD OF THE QUARTER**

NCO Category:

**Staff Sgt. Marvin Banks**

*30<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron*

Airman Category:

**Senior Airman Danny Twyman**

*30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron*

Rookie Category:

**Tech. Sgt. Wilfredo Tomas**

*30<sup>th</sup> OSS*

## **CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER**

Category I:

**Jacqueline Leonard**

*30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group*

Category II:

**Carmelita Sibug**

*30<sup>th</sup> MDG*

## **NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

## **CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER**

Category I:

**Diana Vasquez**

*Services Center*

Category II:

**Victoria Galvin**

*Data Automation*

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER**

Active Duty/DoD Civilian Category

**Master Sgt. Gregory Cain**

*30<sup>th</sup> OG*

Family Member/Civilian Category

**Juanita Anderson**

*Joint Retiree Center*



## FORM: New form more advanced, user friendly than formflow versions

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one that is far more advanced and user-friendly than the old FormFlow versions, Watkins-Taylor said.

Immediate benefits of the new software and its IMTs include digital signatures, document routing, online or stand-alone mode and the ability to package a form and all related data into a single file. With FormFlow, the form and the data were separate elements, while with PureEdge, the IMT and the data always stay together.

“One of the main complaints about FormFlow is people say they keep losing their data,” Watkins-Taylor said. “With this new solution they won’t even have to look for the data because it will be with the document. The IMT maintains the integrity of the document with the data, and it also keeps any attachments that you might have.”

Another benefit of the new software is that file sizes are kept to a minimum.

“The average IMT will be from 12 to 24 kilobytes, and that’s small,” Watkins-Taylor said. “With FormFlow, the file sizes ranged from 178 kilobytes to one megabyte, because you have the form and the data that had to go together. These smaller file sizes mean they won’t use up as much bandwidth, which is a concern to the warfighter.”

The technology was demonstrated at the Pentagon in early July. More than 100 people used

the program to complete some common Air Force IMTs, and their reactions were very positive.

“You dream about things like this and to finally see it now is wonderful,” said Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing, an information manager with Air Force financial management who has used forms on a daily basis for 20 years. “This is leaps and bounds over what we’ve ever had in the past. I’m very happy the Air Force is replacing FormFlow and can’t wait to use the new system.”

The wait will not be long. Watkins-Taylor said the goal is to start Phase 1 on Aug. 15, when the 100 most commonly used Air Force forms will be converted to IMTs and made ready for use, with the remaining forms converted in the coming months. Phase 2 will focus on building partnerships with functional areas throughout the Air Force to examine how IMTs can improve business processes.

“We’re changing our whole approach to focus on content and user interaction,” said Bruce Lyman, lead architect for the Air Force’s transition to PureEdge. “The primary goal is to make things easier on the user and easier on Air Force by replacing an obsolete system. We’re taking a content approach rather than just worrying about what the forms or the little boxes look like. The PureEdge technology allows us to do all of this and more.”

## AFA: Event ends by paying respects to fallen, lost but not forgotten war heros

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Space Operations Group space weather superintendent.

Looney, Savage and Dahl weren’t the only winners during the convention.

During a Santa Maria-style barbecue at the club Friday, Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, current 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander, presented 78 awards to AFA members who have worked hard to further Air Force causes.

The four-day convention ended Sunday with a moving Prisoners of War and Missing in Action ceremony at the base POW/MIA memorial.

Chief Master Sgt. Norman Marous, Counter Drug Liaison Officer at Camp San Luis Obispo, emceed as Vandenberg’s Honor Guard performed the ceremony for the 100 people in attendance.

Members of the Robert H. Goddard Chapter of the California AFA planned the convention which kicked off Aug. 1.

“The California AFA convention was an unqualified success,” said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander. “It was an honor to be able to host this super event, and my thanks to the CAFA for all they do for our people and our Air Force.”

## STOP:People deployed members not released

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accrued leave. The release does not apply to airmen who are currently deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom; all deployed personnel will remain subject to Stop-Loss as long as they are deployed.

Stop-Loss was implemented shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to meet unprecedented mission requirements. The process was reviewed every 60 days.

“We’re aware of the sacrifice our airmen and their families were making,” Roche said. “Service before self is an Air Force core value and their performance illustrated that.”

## SAFE!



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT JENNIFER WALLIS

**Greg Butikofer, 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, beats the tag at second base as John Rehkop, 534<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron attempts to catch the ball. The 30<sup>th</sup> CS men's team took on the 534<sup>th</sup> TRS Monday in base intramural softball. The 534<sup>th</sup> came out on top 7-4 improving their record to 4-12 while 30<sup>th</sup> CS dropped to 11-6. There is only one week left for the regular season. Playoffs start Aug. 19 with the championship game set for Aug. 23.**

## Intramural Sports

### Softball standings

American League			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
30 <sup>th</sup> SFS No. 2	14	4	.778
30 <sup>th</sup> SFS No. 1	13	4	.765
381 <sup>st</sup> Training Group No. 2	13	5	.722
National Reconnaissance Office	11	6	.647
30 <sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron	10	7	.588
30 <sup>th</sup> MDG	10	8	.556
30 <sup>th</sup> OG No. 2	8	10	.444
576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS No. 2	3	12	.200
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.2	3	15	.167
30 <sup>th</sup> MSS	1	15	.063

(Standings as of Tuesday)

#### Tuesday’s schedule

No games scheduled -- regular season complete.

National league			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS No. 1	16	2	.889
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.1	13	3	.813
30 <sup>th</sup> CS	12	6	.667
30 <sup>th</sup> OG No. 1	11	6	.647
381 <sup>st</sup> TG No. 1	11	7	.611
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.3	10	7	.588
14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force	7	12	.368
Det. 9	5	11	.313
534 <sup>th</sup> Training Squadron	4	13	.235
76 <sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight	4	15	.211

(Standings as of Wednesday)

#### Monday’s schedule

534 TRS vs. 381<sup>st</sup> TRG No. 1  
DET 9 vs. 30 CS  
30 CES No. 1 vs. 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS No. 1  
533 TRS vs. 30<sup>th</sup> OG No. 1  
76<sup>th</sup> HF vs. 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force



**PLAYOFFS BEGIN AUG. 19.  
BASE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AUG. 23.**

**LET’S PLAY BALL!**

## Bluesuiter plays for Cleveland Browns

By JOHN VAN WINKLE

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

An Air Force Academy football coach put on the shoulder pads to play for the pros this week.

Second Lt. Ben Miller, junior varsity offensive line coach for the Air Force Academy Falcons football team, reported to the Cleveland Browns training camp recently.

Miller, a two-year starter at left tackle for the Air Force Academy, was signed as an undrafted free agent April 26 by the Cleveland Browns. The Browns then converted the 6-foot-3-inch, 250-pound collegiate left tackle to H-back.

“The H-back position is a hybrid between a fullback and tight end,” said Miller.

This year, Miller will only be available to the Browns through their first preseason game on Aug. 10 with the Minnesota Vikings. As a 2002 Air Force Academy graduate, Miller has a five year service commitment. After two years on active duty, he can switch over to the reserves if he makes the Browns roster, but will triple his remaining service commitment in doing so. It is on the 2004 Cleveland Browns that Miller has set his sights.

Cleveland is also a homecoming for Miller.

“I grew up here, and feel like I’ve been a Brown my whole life and now I actually get to play on the team, so it’s going to be an awesome two weeks for me.”

Service academy graduates like Miller face additional challenges trying to make it in the NFL, with multiyear active-duty commitments to the military, having to take leave from the military to attend minicamps and preseason training camp, facing the possibility of being recalled to active duty to carry out their wartime missions, and being unavailable to play during the first two seasons after graduation. But the Air Force remains his first commitment, Miller said.

“There’s no bigger commitment than the commitment to your country that every person in the military has,” said Miller. “If I’m lucky enough to make the team in two years, that’ll just be another way to represent the Air Force.”

Cleveland head coach Butch Davis already knows the commitment a service academy graduate brings to the gridiron, and has several reasons for bringing Miller into camp.

“He deserves the opportunity to be in training camp,” said Davis. “We’re excited about having Ben. He’s a very very talented deep snapper and an extraordinary young man. And there will come a day when he will have to make that commitment where he’ll have to stay in the Air Force and pursue that as a career or will opt out.”

After the Vikings game, he will return to active duty at the Air Force Academy. There he will serve as a graduate assistant for a year, and then move on to a job in the acquisitions career field.



**No one --  
Comes close**



# Around the Air Force

## DTS making its way across Air Force

By TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY

*Air Force Print News*

■**WASHINGTON** – The Defense Travel System was successfully deployed at Tyndall AFB, Fla., recently, marking the first time the Common Access Card was used to create digital signatures to authenticate travel orders and vouchers.

According to Lt. Col. Tony Grogean, Air Force travel re-engineering division chief at the Pentagon, the installation of DTS at Tyndall was anything but routine.

“Because Tyndall was the first base to use the Common Access Card for digital signatures, a great deal of coordination was required,” Grogean said. “The new identification cards had to be issued to base personnel, hundreds of card readers and the middleware had to be purchased and installed on base computers, the various interfaces had to work and the systems had to be certified.”

With DTS, an individual traveler creates the travel order, makes flight, hotel and rental car reservations and sends the electronic package to a supervisor for approval. After traveling, the entire trip is liquidated at a computer terminal without the use of paper vouchers and with little if no delay.

The next base scheduled to receive DTS is Nellis AFB, Nev., in mid-November.

“Nellis will by far be the largest base to get DTS so far and that alone will offer some unique challenges,” Grogean said.

Eleven Air Force bases will have DTS by the end of fiscal 2003, but it will be at least three more years until DTS is everywhere.

## Changes made to officer promotions

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■**WASHINGTON** – The Air Force has made changes to officer promotion opportunities for upcoming boards and to the data presented

on the selection brief available to board members.

During the Oct. 3 promotion boards, those looking for promotion to O-4 will find the promotion opportunities, or the maximum number of individuals each board may select to be promoted, higher than in the past.

The promotion board for O-4 can now promote the number of officers equal to 95 percent of the number in the promotion zone for line officers, lawyers and medical service corps officers. Additionally, promotion opportunities for some competitive categories during the upcoming O-5 board will also increase.

Along with the changes for O-4 promotion boards, officer selection briefs used in all boards meeting as early as August will no longer contain references to race, ethnicity or gender, as directed by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche in the recently approved Memorandum of Instruction for officer selection boards.

“Removal of race, ethnicity and gender information from the officer selection brief more accurately reflects the Air Force’s officer promotion board process, to be fair and equitable to all individuals meeting the board,” said Maj. Isaac Davidson of the Air Force office of officer promotion, evaluation and separation policy.

## Quarterly overseas EQUAL listing available

■**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments is now available for the April to June 2003 cycle.

The deadline for updating assignment preferences is Aug. 22. Airmen will be notified of their selection by Sept. 9.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force Specialty Code and rank. Members are instructed to review and specifically list their job preferences in order, based on the

EQUAL list.

Individuals should work through their military personnel flights or their commander’s support staffs to update their preferences.

People can view the lists from the Air Force Personnel Center Web site or at local MPFs. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*



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**Maj. (Dr.) Brien Tonkinson, an ear, nose and throat resident at Wilford Hall Medical Center, examines a young patient in San Pedro Sula during a humanitarian training mission to Honduras in July.**

## Medics provide care to Honduran children

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*Joint Task Force Bravo*

■**SOTO CANO AB, Honduras** – More than 130 Honduran children received free medical care in San Pedro Sula recently when an 11-person medical team from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, came to the city on a medical readiness training exercise, or MEDRETE.

This particular exercise focused on problems of the ear.

“We did ear surgery mainly on kids with chronic ear disease,” said Capt. (Dr.) Kenneth Bergman, a U.S. Army medical resident at Brooke

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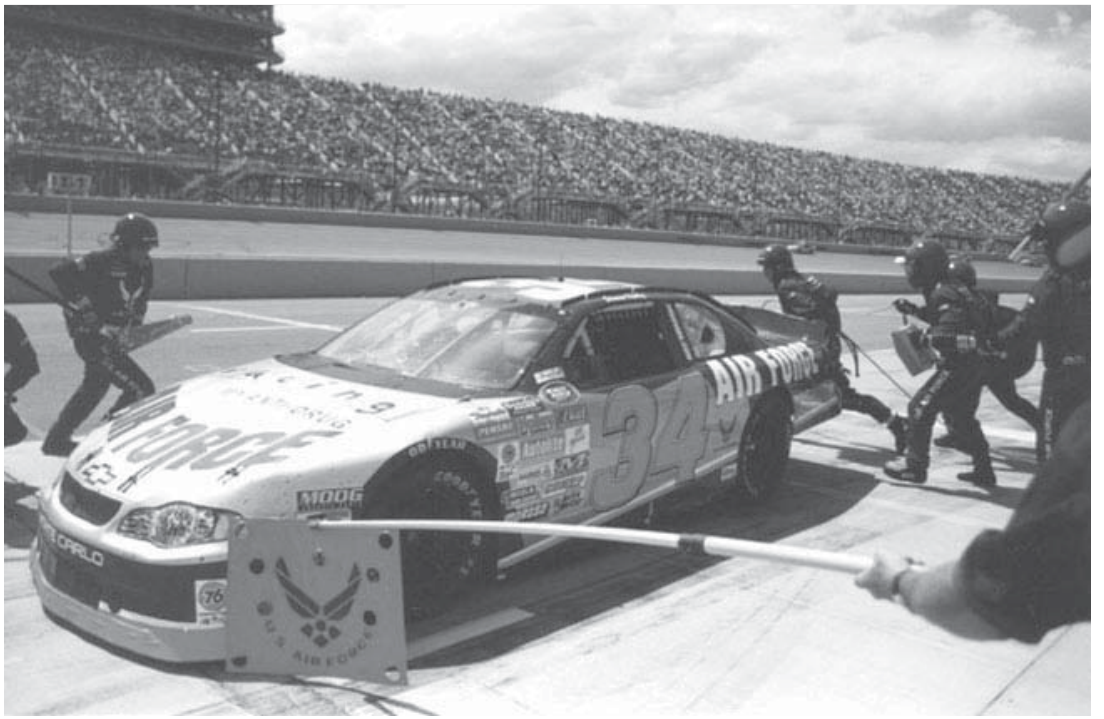


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**The Air Force-sponsored Busch Grand National NASCAR pulls into the pit at the Pikes Peak International Raceway in Colorado Springs, Colo. July 28.**

Army Medical Center who is doing a rotation at Wilford Hall. “We operated on 33 children and saw an additional 100 in the clinic. They have an ear, nose and throat doctor in San Pedro Sula, but they don’t have microscopes and equipment to do the surgeries.”

Bergman said the medical mission served two purposes for the team.

“From the military readiness aspect, we get up to speed on packing up our stuff and preparing to deploy,” he said. “But more importantly for the surgeons, who are medical residents, we get to do actual surgeries. You can practice a lot in the lab, but you’ll only get better by actually operating.”

Maria Leudora Pineda, head nurse in the emergency room at Leonardo Martinez Valenzuela Hospital in San Pedro Sula, said word of the team’s visit spread like wildfire among members of the community.

“The poorest people in any country are usually the sickest, and they are the ones who cannot afford the medical care,” she said. “When the word starts spreading that a team is coming, it travels quickly. Each time, we get more and more patients coming in. The people remember the previous MEDRETE, and we get people coming to San Pedro Sula from all

over the country.”

She said the medical missions not only benefit the community, but also help the clinic’s medical staff, which is often overworked.

“About once a month, Americans come here offering different specialties,” she said. “The teams bring the doctors and the specialties needed to help our patients.”

The teams also bring their own equipment and supplies, which is beneficial to the hospitals they visit.

“Our team was completely self-contained,” said Senior Airman Maria Mathis, an ear, nose and throat operating room technician at Wilford Hall. “We brought everything with us: equipment, supplies, sutures, water, instruments – everything.”

“The hospital in San Pedro Sula doesn’t have much of the surgical equipment, so they wouldn’t be able to do the operations unless we brought the equipment with us.”

On average, medical teams from Wilford Hall do between 10 and 12 MEDRETEs each year in countries where health care is often lacking.

## Psychology program wins national award

By SUE CAMPBELL

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■**LACKLAND AFB, Texas** – The Association for Advancement of

Behavior Therapy chose Wilford Hall Medical Center’s internship and post-doctoral programs here for the 2002 Outstanding Training Program Award.

The award goes to a graduate program recognized for high quality behavioral sciences research and an excellent record of training clinical psychologists. Graduates of the Wilford Hall psychology programs have published more than 150 scientific papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and the department has helped secure federal research grants totaling more than \$9 million.

“This is a big feather in our cap for Wilford Hall and the Air Force,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Alan Peterson, psychology flight commander and director of the postdoctoral fellowship program in clinical health psychology. “It’s nice to see we match up well with some of the top civilian educational programs in the country.”

The AABT was founded in 1966 to serve as a central resource and network for all facets of behavior and cognitive therapy.

It is a nonprofit organization of more than 4,500 mental health professionals, researchers and students interested in behavior therapy. *(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)*